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I support SB 1552 to Removes requirement that student must receive approval from resident school district before enrolling in virtual public charter school not sponsored by school district if specified percentage of students in school district already are enrolled in virtual public charter schools not sponsored by school district. It should be a parent choice, online school has been the best choice for our child due to all her severe food allergies. The school district was untrained and unequipped to handle, no safety plan. It was left to up to me to to research & obtain a plan from medical provider and tried my best to explain to her specialist & medical provider what the district was asking for for, an it was a disaster trying to obtain information & a safety plan. The district was not willing to modify the school menu for my child, and did not want any responsibility for my child, for her safety in school. An, the decision to which medical facility she be transferred to was, 50+ miles away. Online school has been working well for her. We feel she is safer with meals and no food allergy exposure. SB 1552 needs to be passed for families like ours, where our child can receive education safely and by our choice of online school access and access to faster internet speed that does not go down as much. Thank you for time.